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SUBJECT: U.S.-RUSSIA AGREEMENT FOR PEACEFUL NUCLEAR
COOPERATION

1. The President has approved the proposed Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russia Federation Concerning Cooperation in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy and has authorized its execution (P.D. 2008-19 dated 5 May 2008). A copy of the Presidential Determination was faxed to Post CC Colin Cleary.

2. Accordingly, Ambassador (or Charge) is authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the United States.

3. Department has prepared the two English language texts (see 11 FAM 730.4) for signature. The texts are identical except for reflecting the principle of the Alternat (see FAM 730.5). These texts have already been e-mailed to post. It is our understanding that the GOR will be preparing the two Russian-language texts for signature, likewise reflecting the principle of the Alternat. (Note: Department's Language Services has compared the Russian and English language texts and certified on April 21, 2008 that they have the same meaning in all substantive respects but one, which was subsequently resolved.)

4. Following signature, the signed USG's original in the English and Russian languages should be sent to Department by fastest available means (via e-mailed .pdf-scanned file, and, if possible, hand-carried). Originals should be delivered to L/T (Room 5420 HST), with copies to ISN/NESS, attention John Dooley (Room 3320 HST). Embassy should also retain copies as backup. Department will thereafter consider appropriate timing for submission to Congress for the statutory review period of ninety (90) days of continuous session. At the end of the review period, absent enactment of legislation to disapprove the Agreement, it may be brought into force by an exchange of diplomatic notes signifying that the two sides have completed their respective internal procedures (see Article 20(1) of the Agreement).

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